

What is the NREPC?

Kentucky is a beautiful state and rich in biological diversity. The mission of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet is to protect and preserve the Kentucky's land, air and water resources. It includes these divisions:

Conservation—provides assistance to conservation districts and landowners to implement sound soil and water management practices.

Energy—implements alternative energy and conservation programs.

Forestry—provides forest stewardship assistance to private landowners and is responsible for preventing and controlling forest fires.

Air Quality—protects public health and the environment by achieving and maintaining acceptable air quality.

Water—manages, protects and enhances Kentucky's water resources.

Waste Management—develops and implements fair, equitable and effective waste management programs.

Environmental Services—provides laboratory services to cabinet agencies.

Within the cabinet's **Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement**, three divisions work together to enforce Kentucky's mining, reclamation and abandoned mine land laws. Two other agencies are attached to the cabinet. The role of the **Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission** is to protect Kentucky's natural heritage through a system of state nature preserves. The role of the **Environmental Quality Commission** is to involve the public, advise state officials and monitor trends regarding environmental issues.



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Why work for the Kentucky NREPC?

Benefits

Employees of Kentucky state government enjoy the many benefits of civil service. These benefits include flex-time, generous vacation and sick days, excellent health insurance packages, retirement, life insurance and holiday pay. See the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet's Web site for additional information on state benefits:

<http://personnel.ky.gov/empben.htm>

The most important benefit of your work for the Kentucky NREPC is job satisfaction. NREPC employees know that each one of them—whether a geologist, accountant, inspector, biologist, secretary or any of the other 170 job classifications—is vital to the cabinet's mission to protect Kentucky's wondrous natural resources.

Environmental Scholarships

The NREPC finds and trains candidates for critical job positions through its scholarship program.

Each scholarship award covers tuition, room and board, books and fees. Majors should be civil engineering, chemical engineering, mining engineering, biosystems engineering, biology agriculture, chemistry, geology, environmental science or forestry.

Selected applicants must become full-time students in one of Kentucky's publicly funded universities. They must also accept employment with the NREPC upon completion of degree requirements at a rate of six months for each funded full semester of academic work.

The deadline for submission of completed applications is Feb. 15 of each year. For more information, contact the Kentucky Water Resources Research Institute at (859) 257-1299 or the NREPC Personnel Branch (see opposite side of brochure for information).

Career opportunities
with the

Natural
Resources
and
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Protection
Cabinet
(NREPC)



The NREPC employs more than 1,500 people in central offices in Frankfort and regional offices throughout Kentucky.

See <http://personnel.ky.gov/clasindx.htm> for complete descriptions of the classifications listed below.

Come work with us!

Chemist—

Conducts analysis of various solid and/or gaseous materials, substances or compounds through the use of standard laboratory equipment; interprets findings and serves as technical advisor and possibly expert witness.



Mike Goss, chemist

Environmental Biologist—Collects and analyzes samples, assesses data and compiles reports; studies historical and current data pertaining to environmental conditions and uses industry standard equipment in labs and sample collection.

Environmental Engineer—Reviews and inspects plans, designs, specifications, projects, activities and/or operations to determine compliance with environmental engineering standards, laws and regulations; reviews and approves engineering documents and recommendations.

Environmental Engineer Assistant — Performs engineering tasks requiring application of technical principles in the design, development and/or review of environmental engineering programs; performs routine field surveillance, inspections and complaint investigations.

Environmental Inspector—Conducts on-site technical inspections to determine compliance with state environmental laws and regulations; performs inspections with standard equipment and collects samples when necessary; may close facilities not in compliance and make presentations to public and civic groups.

Environmental Technologist—Collects, analyzes and interprets physical, biological and historical data pertaining to existing environmental conditions or energy matters; assesses potential impact to the environment and wildlife resulting from construction, remediation or reclamation activities; reviews environmental permit applications and existing environmental policies, procedures and regulations.

Forester—Provides technical assistance in forest management to private landowners; enforces regulations and laws pertaining to forestry and provides fire control.



Jack Lewis and LB Cowan, inspectors

system (GIS) hardware and software to perform GIS activities and to produce computer cartographic products.

Geologist—Conducts soil and surface investigations and reviews geological maps; examines and classifies rock cores. All studies reflect the environmental impact of an area that may be subject to change by development.

Geoprocessing Specialist—Utilizes geographic information

Graduate Accountant—Performs professional-level accounting and/or auditing duties.

Groundwater Hydrologist—Performs advanced professional hydrologic work in connection with the study, charting, preservation, utilization, permitting, development and protection of hydrogeologic groundwater resources.

Applying for a Job with the NREPC

Contact the Personnel Branch to ask questions or receive additional information about your career in the Kentucky NREPC. The personnel staff will assist you with the steps necessary to begin a rewarding career.

You may reach the NREPC Personnel Branch by phoning (502) 564-2042, e-mailing the NREPC Webmaster on the NREPC Web site at:

<http://www.kyenvironment.org>

or writing to this address:

NREPC Personnel Branch
4th Floor, Capital Plaza Tower
Frankfort, KY 40601

You may want to visit the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet Web site for a listing of jobs available in all state agencies:

<http://personnel.ky.gov/>

The Personnel Cabinet Web site is an excellent source of information on applying for positions in Kentucky state government. This site links to the State Job Opportunities listing that is updated daily and to an employment information section on "Where and How to Test." A job application form can also be downloaded.